Deceleration in the growth rate in Agriculture Sector

843. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any deceleration in the growth rate in agriculture sector during the Seventh Five Year Plan period as compared to the growth rate achieved during the previous plan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have taken any effective measures to increase the growth rate in agriculture sector during the current plan period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The growth rate of agriculture sector during the Sixth Plan works out to be very high with base year i.e. 1979-80 of the Sixth Plan which happened to be a severe drought year. During 1979-80, the agricultural value added registered a decline of 13.4 per cent over the year 1978-79. With very low agricultural value added base in 1979-80, the growth rate of agriculture during the Sixth Plan works out to be 6.2 per cent per annum as compared to 3.6 per cent per annum in the 7th Plan. However, with 1978-79 as the base growth rate during the next six years including 5 years of the Sixth Plan works out to be only 2.9 per cent per annum.

(c) and (d) in order to increase the growth rate in agriculture, the Government have been implementing various crops oriented schemes viz. Integrated Programme for Rice Development (IPRD), Special Food Production Programme (SFPP), for wheat, maize, millets and pulses, Minikits Scheme of wheat, maize and millets, Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP), National Pulses Development Project (NPDP). Expansion in irrigated area, increased used of chemical fertilizers and plant protection chemicals alongwith effective price and market support are some of the major programmes for accelerating the rate of growth in agriculture sector.

Growth in agriculture will receive high priority during the Eighth Plan. The details of measures, the programmes and the policies to be adopted, will be included in the Eighth Plan Document which is under preparation.

Route of Konkan Railway in the State of Goa

844. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are reconsidering the details about the route of Konkan Railway in State of Goa;

(b) what is the reaction of Goa Government about the demand for a change in route; and

(c) who are demanding the change in route, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Realignment of a part of the Konkan Railway in Goa has been proposed by a section of the people. The matter is still under consideration.

Proposal to Connect Thiruvananthapuram-Punalur-Pamba Railway Line

845. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to connect Thiruvananthapuram-Punalur-Pamba railway line in order to facilitate the lakhs of pilgrims of Sabarimala in Kerala;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Constraints of resources.

Safeguards to Members of the Housing Societies

846. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer given to Unstarred Question 1753 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd August, 1991 and sate;

(a) what are the names and addresses of the Housing Societies of Delhi against whom a particular type of action has been taken by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Delhi Administration under Sections 32, 54, 55 and 59 of Delhi Cooperative Societies Act, 1972 and Rules, 84 to 87 of Delhi Cooperative Societies Rules, 1973 based on specific complaints, during the last three years; and

(b) whether decisions taken by erring and time-barred Managing Committees of different Housing Societies, having been superseded under Section 32 of the Delhi Cooperative Societies Act, 1972 by the Registrar's Office, would be legal, justified and binding on the members of the said Societies, if so, the legal and factual position thereof, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Book Stalls for Unemployed Graduates

847. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that on the Railway Stations of Delhi Division where Books stall contracts were allotted to the Unemployed Graduates, the agreements have not yet been executed since long by Delhi Division;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the criteria fixed for classifying the stations as large, medium and small for recovery of licence fee of Book stalls specifically for Unemployed Graduates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) In three cases viz. Narwana, Khatauli and Karnal stations, though the book stall contracts were allotted but the agreement could not be executed as the concerned parties did not turn up. These book stalls are not functioning at present.

(c) For this purpose there are two categories, small and other than small stations are those where sale is meagre and there is difficulty in assessing the sales turnover of the book stalls.

Congestion on Railway Platforms in Delhi/New Delhi

848. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to heavy congestion on Railway Platforms at Delhi, New Delhi and Hazrat-Nizamuddin Stations, Government have imposed ban in 1987 for providing more stalls;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that about Eighteen stalls were allotted directly without adopting normal procedure at these stations during June, July and December, 1989; and